

Official Newsletter -
November 2021

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The fall season is here. We know that there are still changes happening out in the world. The society is pushing through in doing what we can at this stage to keep the group going and hopefully keeping everyone's best interests in mind. This year again has been one of changes and uncertainties. We ask that you read all of the newsletter and check out what has been happening each month. There are updates to keep an eye out for the remainder of the year, even going into next year as the fall season, winter seasons comes around the bend. If you have something you are interested in seeing in the newsletter, please let a Board member know - having new ideas brought to the table is a good thing. This is the society newsletter and we want to add whatever information will be helpful to you as an organization.

The online meetings via Zoom will remain in place until the end of the 2021 year. The meetings take place every 2nd Wednesday of the month will be starting at 7:30 PM EST for social hour, announcements and other items that need to be addressed. The monthly presentation will begin at 8:00 PM EST. Please make sure to keep an eye out for any changes or updates via the newsletter and our social media sites. Our attendance has been steady and the viewing of the recorded meetings have been growing as well.

We have an update on IN-PERSON meetings - we will be discussing it in this issue and what the board expects from our membership - especially moving forward to keep the society safe & healthy while still having in person-events.

**Learn How to Speak
Scottish Gaelic:**

an fhómhair

Autumn



MEETING DETAILS: Due to the current pandemic of COVID-19, the SSI Board of Trustees advised that there are **NO IN-PERSON meetings and/or gatherings for the remainder of 2021**. Please note that regular in-person meetings are slated to start again in 2022. Any updates will be announced in a timely manner through our official newsletter as well as on social media.

[Click Here to Check Out Website](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA:

For more articles, updates on events and more - Like and follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/indyscot.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/771893283583992>

Thank you for the support and staying with this organization during these hard times. Stay healthy, stay safe.

~ Sarah Rae, 2021 SSI Trustee
Member/Presidential Assistant &
Newsletter Editor

PLEASE WELCOME NEW SSI MEMBERS:

- Jennifer Boht
- Barry & Tatiana Craig
- Travis Gentile
- Glenn Blackwood
- Kristina Johnson

NOTICES FROM THE BOARD



MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

To those who do not know or were not aware from updates listed near the end of last

year, anyone who had a membership in good standings with SSI - your membership crossed over to 2021. No additional payment is needed at this time. If you are needing to pay for fees or are a new member joining, please make sure to pay for your dues. **We are having a PANDEMIC SPECIAL for anyone wishing to join the SSI at this time. The fees currently are the following - \$10.00 single/individual membership OR \$20.00 for family membership.** This will be good until further notice. Note: We are checking and updating our membership records each month. Reach out to the board if you have any questions. Thanks!

INDY ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

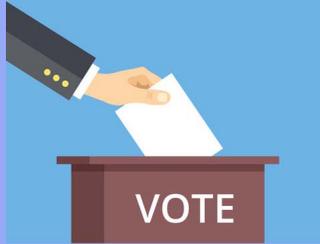
Get ready because the Indy RSCD will be back in having their Scottish Country dancing sessions starting on Monday, July 19th. They will be happening at the Latvian Center. Per request of their leadership and fellow dancers, they are requesting that all dancers who attend must be fully vaccinated and must have their vaccine card for proof. There will be hand sanitizer available for all attendees. If you are sick or possibly under the weather, please do not come and stay at home. Masks are optional if you wish to

wear them but they are not required.

****INVITATION FOR EVENT IN OHIO****

The Cincinnati Caledonia Society has extended their invitation to the Society of Indianapolis to join them for a St. Andrew's Dinner celebration. This event will be taking place on 11/27/2021 - keep in mind this event is the weekend of Thanksgiving. If you are possibly interested in going, please notify the board so we can forward the invitation to you for review.

**ELECTIONS
FOR SSI
BOARD OF
TRUSTEES
2022**



With the fall season already here, it is time for nominations as well as elections for the 2022 SSI Board of Trustees. We are looking for new blood to lead the society. At this time, here is the current slate of nominees and what they are running for:

Sarah Rae - SSI President, Newsletter Editor
Kathy Hohman - Trustee, Outreach Programming
Karen Couch - Trustee, SSI Secretary
Paula Hardesty - Trustee
Mark Lawson - Trustee
Greg Bowers - Trustee
Tom Wallace - Trustee
Dan Patton - Trustee

Please let the current board know if you are interested in being a nominee. **Please email Kathy Hohman (khohmanst@aol.com) directly so she can add you to the list as she is the election chair.** We will be taking in-person nominations up to the time of voting. Voting for the 2022 board will be this month up to a certain time period. Voting will be done virtually and more will be announced on how/when to vote during the next monthly meeting for SSI.



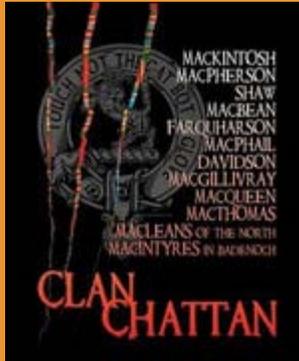
IN-PERSON MEETINGS - COMING 2022

To all who have been waiting patiently for our organization to gather again - we are happy to announce that we will be resuming in-person meetings will start again in 2022. The board has made some requirements and set regulations we will expect moving forward until we believe it will be safe to resume as normal.

- The board will need to see proof of your vaccination card when you come to the meetings (this can be the physical card or a photo of the card). We will be checking for them at the door before you enter. Signs advising this will be at the door before you are checked in.
- All members, guests and/or any attendee must wear a mask during the entire meeting (unless you are eating or drinking).
- The meetings will be a "bring your own food/drink" situation. No food or drink is to be shared, unless you feel comfortable sharing with the people you sit with at the table. That will be at your discretion.
- There will be hand sanitizer and additional masks for everyone if needed. They will be provided at the tables and at the welcome table.
- If you as an individual are under the weather or feeling sick - we are requesting that you do not attend the meetings.

If you are not able to abide by these new updates or requests, please be aware the board may deny you entry to the meetings. We are making sure we are keeping

everyone healthy and safe moving forward. Progress is being made but it is not the time to bring guards down. If you have any additional suggestions, please reach out to the board and let us know. Again, in-person meetings are important to continue with our organization but we want to be smart about the matter in keeping everyone safe.



OCTOBER '21 MEETING RECAP: Clan Chattan and the Battle of North Inch - Resolution of a Dispute Between Clan MacPherson and Clan

Davidson in 1396

In September 1396, 30 representatives of the Clan Chattan and 30 from the Clan Kay fought in an attempt to settle a feud. This was one of the last judicial combats, or trials by combat, to be fought in Scotland. To discuss this further - in our last monthly meeting - our SSI historian Carson Smith presented "Clan Chattan and the Battle of North Inch - Resolution of a Dispute Between Clan MacPherson and Clan Davidson in 1396".

Here are some highlights from that presentation. The Battle of North Inch was the last judicial dispute in Scotland. Origin of "Chattan" is the following - tribe of Gauls, servant of St. Cattan (the first Irish missionary). Chattan was its own separate clan with its own chieftain then combined their clan with McPherson and McIntosh. There are several clan mottoes and tartans that are associated with the Clan Chattan. The chosen symbol on the clan badge is a wildcat - reason this animal was chosen is that it is the only cat that survived in the UK. Many discussions were made as to the battles in who would be where with leading or powerful clans during this time. 10 years of fighting and disputes would take place between the McPherson clan and the Davidson clan - there were even battles to the death. One known individual during this time/battle was Henry the Smith. He killed

many members of Clan Davidson to the point where only a handful were left. The actual name "Smith" is derived from armorer or smith like a blacksmith. The "Smith" name is associated with Clan McPherson and is a very common surname in Scotland. To this day, Clan Chattan has one of the most famous discussions that dealt with Clan McPherson and Clan Davidson.

The Board would like to thank Carson Smith for a wonderful and informative presentation. We always learn a lot from Scottish history and this one is no exception.

COMING UP - NOVEMBER '21 **VIRTUAL MEETING**

With the borders opening up again to travel overseas, everyone is ready to see the world. Some of you may have traveled to see Scotland and some still are aching to go. But, to go you need to have somewhat of a plan. Traveling to say you've been to the country is one thing - how you make your time memorable is another. In next month's monthly meeting, our SSI president Matt Douglass will be presenting "So You Want To Go to Scotland..."

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 10th at 7:30pm for social hour and the presentation will begin promptly at 8:00pm. Please click [here](#) or [here](#) for the Zoom meeting.

HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING - PLEASE READ ALL NOTED!

**Option 1: ZOOM ~ You do not have to a Zoom account to participate/attend a meeting. You will be prompted to download the software after you click on the meeting link. To fully participate, you will need a computer with a camera and a microphone. You can also join by using a smartphone app or calling in to the telephone number in the invitation. If you are needing more information about joining a meeting of any kind on Zoom, [click here](#).

**Option 2: SOCIAL MEDIA / FACEBOOK ~ The meeting will be live in broadcast on the new Facebook group just for members of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis. You can watch it while the meeting is going on or watch it after the meeting is over. [Click Here](#) to join the new Facebook group and/or watch the meeting from there.



NOTE: ALL CURRENT MEMBERS in the SSI that have a membership, you will receive a link for the upcoming meeting. The link will be in an email with the invitation that will sent 24 hours before the Zoom meeting. Please note: You will not be allowed to share this link to others as we will be keeping record of how many members we have attending the meeting. If you have any questions

about this, please let us know. If you are not a current member or would like to invite a guest to join, please reply to the email with the newsletter so the link can be forwarded to you directly. Thank you.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS - COMING IN 2021

- November 2021: Matt Douglass presents "So You Want to Go to Scotland..."
- December 2021: TBA, looking for presentation topic & presenter
- January 2022: TBA, looking for presentation topic & presenter

NOTE: The November in-person gathering of the St. Andrews Dinner has been CANCELLED this year. Per the Board, the reasons behind the cancellation of the dinner is due of the continuous changes regarding the pandemic, no set venue location and the monitoring of the health/safety of our membership. Thank you.

We are looking for topics or presentations for the last months of the year. If you are interested in giving a 10-15 minute presentation for the society via Zoom, please notify a board member so the topic can be discussed. Please reach out to the board if you have any suggestions or would like to present something. If there are any changes with the meeting topics and/or if the meetings change from virtual to in-person, we will update this information.

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